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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2001, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2001

The Senate met at 1 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JEFF BINGAMAN, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we do not need to ask to come into Your presence for You have been ever-present through our nights and days. We never need shout across the spaces to You as an absent God. You are nearer than our own souls, closer than our most secret thoughts. We need not inform You of our requests, for You are omniscient. We do not need to brief You on the alternative possibilities for this week's decisions, for You already know what is in keeping with Your best for us and will reveal that if we ask You. What we do need is to linger in Your presence until we are assured of Your love, regain true security, and are reformed by Your strength. Thank You for using this time of prayer with You to show

us Your faithfulness and to receive Your guidance.

In Scripture, You call us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. We do that this afternoon with the vivid pictures of the mall terrorist attack: jarring explosions, heart-breaking deaths and injuries, and the wail of sirens. Grant us Your strength in the battle with the evil of terrorism. Bless the President and Congress as they seek Your power both to complete the war in Afghanistan and to strategize with negotiations in the Middle East as a whole. Help us, dear God; we need You. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JEFF BINGAMAN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 3, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF BINGAMAN, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. BINGAMAN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

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